

**REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 8, and 17 are amended, claims 15-16 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-14 and 17 remain pending in this application.

**§112 Rejection of the Claims**

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Applicant has amended claim 17 to correct the typographical error cited in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment overcomes the objection and requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection.

**§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grantges (U.S.6,324,648) in further view of Webopedia Computer Dictionary.

Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grantges (U.S.6,324,648) as applied to claim 1 and 8 above, and further in view of prior art of record Check Point Management Client, Version 1.0.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the interest of reducing the time necessary for gaining allowance of the claims, Applicant has chosen to amend independent claims 1, 8, and 17 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 15. As such, claim 15 is cancelled and claims 1, 8, and 17 are amended to provide, “receiving a network resource request from a client user at an internal network.”

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments place independent claims 1, 8, and 17 in allowable form.

Claims 2-7 and 9-14 depend, directly or indirectly from allowable independent claims 1 and 8, respectively and are equally allowable.

Applicant has also chosen to cancel claim 16 at this time.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-14 and 17.

Regarding cancelled claims 15 and 16, Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims, and others, in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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